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Letter dated 7 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a statement made by the spokesman for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 6 February 2014 in view of the very disturbing and grave situation in south Korea (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement of the spokesman for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 6 February (Korean Central News Agency): The spokesman for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) issued a statement in view of the very disturbing and grave situation in south Korea on 6 February 2014.

The south Korean authorities have become frantic with the racket of confrontation with compatriots in the north these days, contrary to the sincere efforts made by the DPRK to improve north-south relations and achieve the reconciliation and unity of the nation.

Its typical example is that they dared to hurt the dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK as regards the field guidance given by it to a baby home and orphanage and the schedule of the election of the deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, etc., while unhesitatingly perpetrating reckless acts of groundlessly hurting the social system in the DPRK.

At the moment when the north and the south were reaching an agreement on the reunion of separated families and their relatives at Panmunjom, the south Korean authorities let formations of U.S. B-52 nuclear-capable bombers based on Guam fly into the sky above Jik islet in the West Sea of Korea for a whole day for staging drills for a nuclear strike at the DPRK.

The south Korean warmongers are busy making final arrangements to go ahead with the "Key Resolve" and "Foal Eagle" joint war exercises as scheduled, claiming that they are irrelevant to humanitarianism.

Not long ago, defying the repeated warnings of the DPRK, they openly staged such naval strike drills targeting the DPRK under the signboard of "regular drills" on Paekryong and Yonphyong islands, the hotspots in the West Sea, although the DPRK is taking a goodwill measure to halt military hostile acts first.

The Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK clarifies the following principled stand reflecting the unanimous will of its service personnel and people.

First, the DPRK will be compelled to reconsider the implementation of the agreement reached as long as the dignity of its supreme leadership is malignantly hurt and the acts of groundlessly slandering and defaming its social system persist.

Nothing is more foolish than the calculation that reconciliation and cooperation can be achieved while the reckless remarks hurting the dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK are floated and connived at under the pretext of "liberal democracy" and the media smear campaign against it is going on under the pretence of "freedom of speech".

The south Korean authorities should bear in mind that the consequences of the smear campaign against the dignity of the supreme leadership of the DPRK and its social system will be unpredictably disastrous, whether it is spearheaded by the authorities or staged by the media.

Second, we will not remain a passive onlooker to their farce staged allegedly to build confidence when formations of U.S. nuclear strategic bombers are flying into the sky, threatening and blackmailing fellow men.

It is none other than the U.S. that has instigated the south Korean authorities, claiming that they should react to the DPRK's principled and crucial proposal and open letter ardently appealing to the Koreans by raising the nuclear issue.

It is again the U.S. that is throwing all sorts of obstacles to the patriotic and positive efforts of the DPRK to create an atmosphere for improving inter-Korean relations and chilling them.

Third, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify once again that war exercises and racket for confrontation are incompatible with dialogue and reconciliation.

The south Korean authorities should get rid of the existing state of affairs and stance, abandon their narrow-minded prejudice and inveterate motive of confrontation and make a bold policy decision to meet the expectation of the nation.

They should no longer pursue such distrust and confrontation as rejecting the warm sincerity of their compatriots with evil will and reacting to compatriots' call for reconciliation with hostile war drills and nuclear threats.

They should neither misjudge nor abuse with a wrong way of thinking the goodwill, tolerance, patience and self-restraint shown by the service personnel and people of the DPRK to pave the way for improving north-south relations in the spirit of By Our Nation Itself.

All Koreans in the north, south and abroad will closely follow the stand the south Korean authorities are obliged to clarify and their future attitude.